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The building in which the congregation of the George W. South Memorial Church of the Advocate worships is a soaring stone structure, gothic in style and large in capacity, seating up to 1,400 persons. In the main church building are offices and other associated rooms. A chapel, now deconsecrated, is used for a variety of purposes, including theatrical ones. The parish house is a three-story building with a great spread of space, but space which is not effectively laid out in the light of present day requirements. Both the chapel and the parish house are structurally sound and offer the opportunity of conversion to much more effective use than is possible at present. The cost would probably be high, but not nearly as high as the expense of building the required structures anew.

The rectory and the curacy are portions of row-houses, in the neighborhood of the church, the rectory joining the church property. Both are in livable condition, but in need of substantial refurbishing and maintenance work.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

The buildings of the Church of the Advocate stand in the middle of a large residential section of Philadelphia. Most of the residences are of the row-housing type, some are single-family dwellings and many have been converted into apartments or into rooming houses. Some of the residences are in excellent condition, while others have been allowed to deteriorate badly. The concentration of population is high and is now predominately Negro.

The City of Philadelphia has been divided into a great many tracts by the United States Census Bureau. For the purposes of this Survey, the tract in which the church is located (32-C) and the seven surrounding tracts, have been arbitrarily designated as the parish area for the Church of the Advocate.

In the following table information concerning population changes and characteristics may be found. As the tables are studied, it will be seen that the population of most of the tracts decreased from 1950 to 1960, that the proportion of children is high throughout the area, and that the median number of school years completed by the adults is low. It should be noted that the median education refers to the median number of years of formal classes completed by adults aged 25 or more.

Census Tract	Population		% Change	% 14 & Under	% 65 & Over	Med. Age	
	1950	1960				M	F
20-B	NA	7,211		32.2	5.9	28.7	30.2
28-A	15,927	15,698	- 1.4	32.2	5.8	28.3	30.2
28-B	11,584	10,574	- 8.8	31.0	6.7	29.4	31.5
32-A	13,019	7,942	-39.0	35.1	5.4	22.0	24.6
32-C	14,351	11,541	-19.6	31.3	5.9	28.4	29.6
32-D	NA	16,833		37.1	6.6	22.4	26.3
47-A	NA	8,733		29.9	6.7	29.3	30.8
47-B	5,768	4,264	-26.1	29.9	8.1	30.2	33.6

Total 82,796

Census Tract	Ed. of Adults 25 Yrs. of Age & Over			Median Ed.
	% H.S. Grad.	% Coll. 1-3 Yrs.	% Coll. Grad.	
20-B	9.6	1.2	1.3	7.8
28-A	16.9	1.4	0.9	8.8
28-B	17.7	1.9	1.0	8.9
32-A	11.6	2.6	2.7	8.2
32-C	13.7	3.4	1.8	8.8
32-D	13.9	2.9	1.4	8.6
47-A	13.1	2.2	2.7	8.6
47-B	14.2	2.6	1.7	8.2

Census Tract	Non-White Population 1950	Non-White Population 1960	% Change	% Non-White	Puerto Rican	Residence 1955 Same As 1960 %
20-B	NA	6,974		96.7	7	36.0
28-A	7,204	15,018	108.5	95.7	23	61.7
28-B	8,930	9,924	11.1	93.9	7	66.8
32-A	10,603	7,176	-32.3	90.4	9	42.5
32-C	12,050	11,174	- 7.3	96.8	0	43.3
32-D	NA	16,734		99.4	4	51.0
47-A	NA	8,385		96.0	0	37.8
47-B	5,645	4,228	-25.1	99.2	0	50.7
Total		79,613		96.2		

The column showing the percent of people who lived in the same residence in 1960 as they had in 1955 sheds some light on the degree of transiency of the population. Tracts 28-A and 28-B, for instance, have a fairly stable population, while Tract 20-B had a high rate of change. It can be seen that the Puerto Rican population was low in 1960. In studying these tables the changes that have taken place between 1960 and 1965 should be kept in mind. The tables are presented as a guide to the ministry for which the Church has a responsibility, rather than as an up-to-date statement of neighborhood statistics.

The following table gives information on the strength of the Episcopal Church in the area and on the relative strength of the Church of the Advocate. As the table is studied it should be kept in mind that the Episcopal Church throughout Philadelphia reaches people equal in number to 2.0% of the 1960 population.

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Census Tract	1960 Total Pop.	Total Epis.	% Of Pop. Epis.	Total Parish Memb.	% Epis. Memb.	% Parish Memb.
20-B	7,211	13	0.2	2	15.4	0.1
28-A	15,698	259	1.6	228	88.0	18.7
28-B	10,574	209	2.0	172	82.3	14.1
32-A	7,942	7	0.1	3	42.9	0.3
32-C	11,541	315	2.7	291	92.4	23.9
32-D	16,833	248	1.5	199	80.2	16.4
47-A	8,733	25	0.3	5	20.0	0.4
47-B	4,264	18	0.4	2	11.1	0.1
Total	82,796	1,094	1.3	902	82.4	74.0

There does not seem to be any direct correlation between the strength of the Episcopal Church in a particular tract and the population characteristics shown on the above tables. One possible correlation is that between a low proportion of church membership and a low median education level. The correlation is not a secure one, however. The Church of the Advocate reaches most of the reported Episcopalians, the totals for which are drawn from maps prepared by all of the churches in the diocese, and finds almost three-quarters of its members within its parish area. Perhaps the most easily seen fact about the table is that Episcopal strength is greatest in the census tract in which the Church of the Advocate is located, 32-C. The three tracts with the next largest number of members form, together with Tract 32-C, a compact square bounded by Montgomery Avenue, Broad Street, Leheigh Avenue, and 25th and 24th Streets. It would be interesting to know in what way those four tracts differ from the areas around them, aside from the fact that the Church of the Advocate is nearly at their center. As a starting point it may be observed that in 1960, those four tracts had the largest population of the parish area.

The Church Self-Study Form reports on a number of public grade and high schools and on three Roman Catholic parochial schools. The report goes on to list 20 congregations of various denominations, noting that there are about 186 more in the general neighborhood of the church.

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THE CHURCH PROGRAM

The Church of the Advocate serves a great many people more or less in the traditional way of Episcopal churches throughout the country. That portion of the program has been very carefully and completely recorded in the Church Self-Study Form which accompanies these pages. In addition, the Church of the Advocate serves another group of people, some of whom are Episcopalians but most of whom are not, in many and varied ways. A welcome addition to the pages of the Church Self-Study Form is a statement by the rector which gives some insight into the methods by which this second group of people is ministered to. The attention of the congregation and of the diocese is directed to both reports, the conventional and the addenda. Reference to the annual report of 1964 will also be helpful to those people who are concerned with the work of the Church of the Advocate.

The Church Self-Study Form shows that about one-third of the 559 baptized members of the congregation are in church or classes on the usual Sunday. There are daily morning and evening services with an attendance of 40 in the morning and 20 in the evening. The midweek celebration of the Holy Communion is on Wednesday evenings and has an average attendance of about 15 persons, although the attendance is sometimes as high as 80. The church school has an enrollment of 65 youngsters on Saturday mornings and 56 on Sunday mornings. There are numerous teacher's meetings, though very few teachers. An allied part of the Christian Education Program is a Day Camp during the summer and a year-round Day Care Nursery. There is also adult studying on an inter-parochial basis.

The organizations of the congregation are of two types, those which are primarily aimed at serving Episcopalians, and those whose membership roles are open to all interested people. It would seem that one problem which the traditional organizations face is allied to that which the Church as a whole faces

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in urban situations, that is of finding a relevance between the work which the organization does and the circumstances in which the church finds itself. The members of the various groups. the Ladies' Guild, the Advocate Churchwomen, the Men's Fellowship, and the Vestry, are all to be commended for the support which they lend the congregation and for their , concerned approach to the work of the Church.

In the light of the diocesan average pledge income per year, about \$46.00, the pledge income of the Church of the Advocate is commendable, averaging \$32.00 per communicant per year. The economic situation of the members is not an affluent one, and yet the pledges are as high as those of many congregations having more comfortable circumstances.

The congregation is aware of the responsibility which the laity have for evangelism, and are planning to try for a second time to put lay evangelism on an organized basis. Intensive training for those who would be callers on behalf of the Church is urged, under the leadership of the clergy. Some congregations have found that periodic meetings of visitors assist them to do their work, as they draw strength from each other's experiences. One principle which might be considered is that evangelism cannot be organized effectively until there is an impelling drive within the individuals to be the bearers of Good News to others.

At present, the most important way in which the Church of the Advocate is spreading that Good News, is through the working and worshipping presence of members and clergy, supplemented by the effective use of the facilities for community purposes. It should be remembered that growth in numbers is not the only measure of the effectiveness of the work of the Church, even while an increase in numbers is certainly indicative of considerable strength and achievement.

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CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Street 18th & Diamond Streets

County Philadelphia

Parish or Mission Pilot Parish

Church THE GEORGE W. SOUTH MEMORIAL
CHURCH OF THE ADVOCATE

City Philadelphia

Diocese Pennsylvania

State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve? _____

Generally the city - more particularly; Broad Street to 33rd Street

(West); Girard Avenue to Lehigh Avenue, (North)

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses ☒ Industrial uses _____ Apartment dwellings ☒

Rooming houses ☒ Single-home dwellings ☒ A college ☒ Military

uses _____ Other institutions ☒ (Hospital)

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

All of the above checked may be found in our Parish Community

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

Slum area and spotted working class - residential streets and residences

in good repair

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS

Joseph Allison

James L. Claghorn

George W. Carver

William Dick

Pratt-Arnold

Douglass-Singerly

ADDRESS

15th and Morris Streets

17th and Susquehanna

17th and Morris Streets

25th and Morris Streets

22nd and Susquehanna Ave.

22nd and Morris Streets

**PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS**

FitzSimons

Gillespie

Strawberry Mansion

ADDRESS

26th and Cumberland Streets

17th and Pike Streets

Pidge and Susquehanna

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS

Wharton Center

ADDRESS

1722 N. 22nd Street

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS

St. Elizabeth's

Our Lady of Mercy

Most Precious Blood

ADDRESS

22nd and Berks Street

Broad and Susquehanna

23th and Diamond

**PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS**

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ADDRESS

18th and Girard Avenue

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES

Temple University

ADDRESS

Broad and Montgomery Avenue

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION	ADDRESS
New Jerusalem Baptist	Van Felt & Diamond Sts.
Jones Tabernacle A.M.E.	2019 W. Diamond St.
Berean Presbyterian	Broad and Diamond Sts.
Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic	Broad and Susquehanna Ave.
Jones Memorial Baptist	2300 N. 20th St.
Thankful Baptist Church	15th & Dauphin Sts.
Emanuel Institutional Baptist	1700 N. 22nd St.
St. Columba's Roman Catholic	24th & Lehigh Ave.
Berean Baptist Church	1830 W. Norris
Christ Like Faith Baptist	2521 N. 23rd St.
Faith Tabernacle Baptist-Mutchmore	1728 W. Montgomery Ave.
Foster Memorial Baptist	2401 N. 18th St.
New Thankful Baptist Church	1801 W. Columbia
Mennonite Church Diamond St.	1814 W. Diamond St.
Emanuel Methodist Church	17th & York Sts.
Mt. Pisgah U. H. Church (Pentacestal)	1856 N. 22nd St.
Bethel Presbyterian	19th & York Sts.
Universalist Church Messiah	Broad & Montgomery
Highway Church of God	18th & Edgely Sts.
Inter-racial Peace Mission	18th & Diamond Sts.

The above named churches are only a few of the two hundred and six (206) churches located within our church neighborhood - Protestant, Roman Catholic, Synagogues.

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

The Church of the Advocate is a Memorial to George W. South, erected by his widow and daughter. It is called the "Advocate" because Mr. South was a lawyer - hence "The Church of the Lawyer". Mrs. South enquired of the Bishop of Pennsylvania where in the Diocese was the most rapidly growing Mission. She was told that the mission congregation at this location would be the one, whereupon Mrs. South and her daughter Mrs. Cook engaged Mr. Charles Burns, an architect to reproduce the Cathedral of Amien's France; the size is reduced and there are some changes but it is a close reproduction.

The Chapel was consecrated in 1888 and the Church in 1897 and admitted to the Convention in 1900. This congregation was strongest from the time of its inception until the early 20's. Its program was full but self centered. As early as 1923 The Rev. Mr. Medary saw a decline in the number of communicants as families moved from the city. The congregation continued to dwindle until the Sunday attendance was 30 to 40. Although The Rev. Mr. Meriweather, the 4th Rector of this Parish prevailed upon the Trustees and congregation to admit negroes into the congregation he was met with unshakeable resistance. Fr. Wheatley the 5th Rector succeeded in bringing in a "Negro Mission" which met in a house on Cumberland St. Since then this congregation has grown steadily with increased activities particularly community oriented. Today better than \$35,000.00 is given to the Church of the Advocate annually to assist it in carrying out a program to meet the needs of the people of our community.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

The Church of the Advocate owns a piece of land 175' x 242' from the S.E. end of North 18th Street, from the N.E. corner of Diamond to the N.W. corner, Diamond and Gratz to 175' on Gratz from Diamond North

2. Type of church building: Frame Brick Stone xx Other (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

The Church is in good condition. It sat 1400 on Saturday, October 31st for the Installation service of our Diocesan. The Chapel, now deconsecrated and set aside for secular use is fair, seats 200; the Parish House, 3 floors, is in poor condition. The Rectory and Curacy are in fair condition.

Replacement Value \$ Amount of insurance carried \$

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached Separated xx ;

In basement of the church ; Frame Brick

Stone xx Other (type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

Our Chapel will require approximately \$25,000.00 to be reconverted to a gymnasium. The Parish House will require \$90,000.00 to be completely renovated so that the floor space on its 3 floors can be more practically and efficiently used in meeting our present demand for space. The Rectory and Curacy to be brought up to good condition could require approximately \$10,000.00 worth of work.

Replacement value \$ 15 million Amount of insurance carried \$
to replace as is according to an evaluation made 10 years ago by study by Paul Musselman for Diocese and National Council.

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated xx ;
Frame _____ Brick xx Stone _____ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building, and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

RECTORY: 11 rooms, 2½ baths, Fair condition. \$3,000.00 to bring to good cond.

CURACY: 9 rooms, 2 baths. Good condition. \$1,150.00 needed in repairs.

Both in use for clergy residences.

Is it used as a clergy residence? Yes
xx If not, what use is made of the building?

Replacement value: \$ _____ Insurance carried: \$ _____

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving
(a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition;
(d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value;
(f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

1. Church building: Stone construction, office, sacristy, partial
undercroft, Rector's office, Choir room, meetings.

2. Chapel (deconsecrated, now used for secular purposes): Stone. Used
primarily as a Theatre and auditorium but there are plans to use
this later as a gymnasium.

3. Parish House: Stone, 3 floors, 1st floor used daily, mainly as Day
Care Center, 11½ hours, 7 to 6:30; evenings for various meetings.
2nd Floor - gymnasium and auditorium; 3rd Floor - for quiet games.
2nd & 3rd floors also used daily - 7 days. Main program - Community
Center - 6 employees. The Parish House needs about \$90,000.00 to be
completely renovated for more efficient use.

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number	<u>103</u>				
Number of individuals not in families	<u>150</u>				
2. Baptized membership	Communicants				
1952	Church School				
1950	1960	Now	1952	1960	Now
<u>304</u>	<u>486</u>	<u>559</u>	<u>252</u>	<u>400</u>	<u>255</u>
					<u>16</u>
					<u>130</u>
					<u>113</u>
3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list	5 yrs. ago	4 yrs. ago	3 yrs. ago	2 yrs. ago	Last year
	<u>15</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>142</u>
Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list	<u>52</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>
4. Communicants added:					
By confirmation from Episcopal families	<u>43</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>15</u>
By confirmation from other Churches	<u>7</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>
By reception from other Churches	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
By baptism and confirmation from no church	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
5. Attendance:					
Number of communicants who attended regularly last year	<u>185</u>				
Number of communicants who attended occasionally	<u>70</u>				
Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community	<u>127</u>				
Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred	<u>146</u>				
6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting?	<u>55</u>				

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Eucharist	9 A.M.	20	40	70
Holy Eucharist (choral)	11 A.M.	90	150	190
Holy Eucharist (summer) (schedule)	10 A.M.	90	130	150

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Morning Prayer	Daily 10A.M.	1	40	190
Evening Prayer	Daily 5 P.M.	1	20	170
Mid-Week Eucharist	Wed. 8 P.M.	2	15	80

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Choir Festival - Nov. 10, 1963 - 350 in attendance

Midnight Christmas Service - Dec. 24, 1963 - 171 in attendance

Evensong (Purification) - Feb. 2, 1964 - 126 " "

Evensong (Allan Crite Lecture - Feb. 16, 1964 - 290 in attendance

Easter Vigil Service - March 28, 1964 - 215 in attendance

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation: (see Evensong, May 10)

Evensong - May 10, 1964 - 66 with three other Youth Groups

Day of Witness - Summer Day Camp - August 14, 1964 - 425

Installation of Bishop DeWitt - October 31, 1964 - 2200

Lenten Services - Wednesdays - included in Mid-Week Eucharists

Lenten Services - Fridays - 20

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

Any Prayer Book Saints' Day or Holy Day which comes during the week is translated to the Wednesday of that week. This particular customary allows the parish to keep all the Red Letter Days by transferring them to the Wednesday Mid-Week Communion Service (evening Eucharist) for the convenience of the people. This use has been reasonably successful as the mid-week service has built up a core of faithful participants. It also allows persons who missed the regular Sunday Service to attend during the week.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? Yes
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? Yes
3. Is baby care provided during any service? Yes

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff 5

b. Students 65

Total 70

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year _____

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) _____

e. Are absentee cards used? Yes

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 9

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. Leaders make visitations to find out

why children are absent and also to build up the Church School

2. Worship schedule

<u>CLASS OR DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>HOOR</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
<u>Entire Church School</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>10 A.M.</u>	<u>Morning Prayer</u> <u>15 min.</u>	<u>Seminarian</u>
<u>Classes</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>10 A.M.</u>	<u>1-3/4 hrs.</u>	<u>teachers</u>
<u>Classes (50 children)</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>11 A.M.</u>	<u>1 1/2 hrs.</u>	<u>teachers</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

The Saturday Church School has just been instituted this past September and is
experimental. It is an attempt to reach neighborhood children.

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Instruction schedule

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4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Seabury Series - Standard

Motion Pictures

Games for smaller children - trips for older ones

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

Picture cards - games - stories

trips in neighborhood

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? Mainly recruited from within the

Parish. A few volunteers from outside the parish.

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the number of sessions, the leaders, etc. Monthly meetings and an

occasional seminar.

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

Conferences with Rector or Curate

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

<u>AGE</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>EDUCATION</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>YEARS TEACHING</u>	<u>Number</u>
19 years or less	<u> </u>	Grade school	<u> </u>	one	<u> 2 </u>
20 to 29	<u> 2 </u>	Junior high	<u> </u>	two	<u> 1 </u>
30 to 39	<u> 2 </u>	Senior high	<u> </u>	three	<u> 1 </u>
40 to 49	<u> </u>	1 to 3 years	<u> </u>	four	<u> 1 </u>
50 years or more	<u> 1 </u>	College	<u> 1 </u>	five	<u> </u>
		College grad.	<u> 2 </u>	6 to 10	<u> </u>
		Graduate study	<u> 2 </u>	11 to 20	<u> </u>
Male	<u> 2 </u>			20 and over	<u> </u>
Female	<u> 3 </u>				

7. What problems does the church school have? _____

1. Drawing together parish children with neighborhood children.

2. Reaching the neighborhood children.

3. Lack of teaching staff to handle more children.

B. ~~Parish Church School~~ SUMMER DAY CAMP

1. When is it held? July and August

2. For how long each day? 5 1/2 hours

3. What type of courses are taught? Very basic Christian teaching
created by us for our situation.

4. How many children attend, usually? 190 for Summer of 1964

5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's
church school? 65

6. How many teachers are there? 25 on staff

C. Released Time Program **NONE**

1. When are classes held? _____

2. What type of courses are taught? _____

3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____

4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?

5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian
education program of this congregation?

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the
Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

We do not have a Day School but a Day Care Nursery which handles from
30 to 60 children depending upon the employment of parents.

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

- a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 12 yrs generally but will consider younger if family faithful and can assist the child.
- b. How many instruction sessions are held? 12
- c. How long is each session? 1 hour
- d. Who is the instructor? Curate
- e. What material is used? Prayer Book and Associated Parishes material
- f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? Not especially related.

2. Adults

- a. How many sessions are held? 12
- b. How long is each session? 1 hour
- c. Who is the instructor? Curate
- d. What material is used? Prayer Book and Associated Parishes material.

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

NAME OF GROUP	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	LENGTH OF MEETINGS	INSTRUCTOR
* Advocate-St. Peters Study Group		monthly	2½ hours	clergy-respective parishes
*This is a group of approximately 20 persons, 8 from the Church of the Advocate, 12 from St. Peter's Church, Glenside. We have been meeting together for more than a year following Bible study plans as basis for our discussions of mutual responsibility and interdependence in the Body of Christ.				

2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants. NONE
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3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.
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NONE

G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

We have a great deal of difficulty in getting leadership in the parish. We
have at times lost children from our Church School because of irresponsibility
among teachers. I feel that we could have a very lively program were it not for
this problem.

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 211
2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 3
3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 33

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 130
2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 2
3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 21

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 2
2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 50

D. For Girls in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of girls	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. Number of organizations	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>
3. Total active membership	<u>27</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>48</u>

E. For Boys in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of boys	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. Number of organizations	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>
3. Total active membership	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

F. For Youth in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Number of organizations	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>
2. Total active membership	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Community Center has an enrollment of 420 and encompasses all age groups mentioned above

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Advocate Community Center

Total active members 309-40⁸ Average attendance at meetings 60 to 100

Number of meetings each month 20 Day and time of meetings 4:30 - 9:30 pm

B. Why does this organization exist?

To provide educational, recreational and cultural activities for the youth of the community.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Problems - The children have many. They come from low-income families, broken homes and inadequate housing facilities. They lack discipline and order and respect for property. The Center has problems involving staff, equipment and facilities

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? Greater effectiveness will

come with better organization and administration, dedication of staff, etc.

Signed by:

William Bayne

Title: Director

P.V.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Vestry

Total active members 9 Average attendance at meetings 9

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 2nd Tues. 8 PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

Direct "Temporal affairs" of Church. Our physical plant comprises a
COMPLEX OF 5 BUILDINGS, Church, Parish House, a chapel converted for sec-
ular purposes and 2 clergy houses. 13 to 14 persons are constantly employed.
This is but a part of the Vestry's responsibility.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Mainly men.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Its chief problem is in trying to keep up the properties.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? We have 3 to 4 men who

assume committee responsibilities with a real sense of dedication. We
need three to four additional.

Signed by:

Fredrick Holaday

8 W

Title: Vestryman, Chairman Day Care
Committee

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Men's Fellowship

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 8

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 3rd Tues. PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

To create a fellowship within the Church for men and to serve the
Church in whatever capacity they can.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Good cross-section

D. Describe the worship and the education program.

They have the traditional Advent Corporate Communion. No special
EDUCATION.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Most recently they undertook the project of painting a floor of the
Parish House.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

At a recent meeting this group discussed their organization. They find
it difficult to get the cooperation necessary to feel that they are strong.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? The answer is not clear.

Signed by:

Paul Washington

Title: Rector

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Advocate Church Women

Total active members 15 Average attendance at meetings 9

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 2nd Tues. PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

It is "expected" or "hoped" that the Women of this or all parishes would have a local Women's organization of this nature in that it is also a Diocesan as well as Church wide group.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Most of the women of this group are for the most part over 45 years, but there are also younger women who are active.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

This group follows to a small degree suggestions for program and study of the Episcopal Church Women.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

This group makes special contributions to various organizations which appeal to the Church for donations; it assists our Church with many smaller as well as larger needs.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

This organization has found it difficult to get other and newer women to participate in the work and meetings.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? This group has tried every

way to increase its membership but without very much success.

Signed by:

Mary Waterman
BW

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name The Ladies Guild

Total active members 10 Average attendance at meetings 7

Number of meetings each month 2 Day and time of meetings Sat. A.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

The orientation of this organization is in the direction of community needs. It frequently gives Rummage Sales, Dinners.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Non-professional, factory and domestic workers. Solid-dependable.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

This organization gives one large dance per year to raise funds for the Church.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

It has an opportunity to make the most meaningful contact with newer members of the Church from the community.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? This is a relatively new organization. In time it will grow to become more effective.

Signed by:

Low Peoples

BW

Title: President

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF TENURE</u>	<u>MOVED TO:</u>
<u>Rev. T. L. Gosling</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
" <u>T. Meriweather</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>6 yrs.</u>	<u>Atonement, Phila.</u>
" <u>James McN. Wheatley</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>6 yrs.</u>	<u>St. Matthews, St. Petersburg</u>
" <u>Boyce M. Bennett</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>1 yr.</u>	<u>Grace Church, Menomonie, Wisc.</u>
" <u>George Davison</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>3 yrs.</u>	<u>St. Andrew's, Yardley, Pa.</u>
" <u>Paul M. Washington</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>present rector</u>	<u> </u>
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A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? Yes

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

Part-time chaplain at the State Correctional Institution at Philadelphia.

One afternoon per week for two hours and one Sunday service per month.

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work?
Please give details.

One young lady spent a year here as an apprentice and transferred her membership to our Parish. At the end of her tenure she entered a school of Social Work and is particularly interested in Church work.

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? None

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations?

If so, which congregations?

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges \$ 8130.77 (2) Plate offerings \$ 955.66 (3) Parish or mission organizations \$ 4355.63 (4) Endowments \$ 8310.30 (5) Special fund drives \$ 4638.00 (6) Other (please specify) \$ Appropriations from the Diocese of Pennsylvania \$31,500. - Investment Income \$556.92

Appropriation from St. Martin-in-the-Fields \$4500.00. Special offerings \$1175.40 Church Foundation, N.Y. \$500.00

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
B. Disbursements						

Total current expenses

\$48,170.62 \$57,952.12

Diocesan Assessment

2,356.47 406.48

Missionary Disbursements

117.57 104.51

Special parish expense

9,400.00 8,317.22

Clergy salary or salaries:
from congregation

a)

b)

from other sources

a)

b)

Rental value of the rectory \$ 1080.00
" " " curacy 840.00

Is the church in debt? No Amount of debt \$ None Method of repayment

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? Not thorough.

If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? _____ Describe the training of the canvassers. Canvassers have been instructed but not trained.

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?

A Stewardship Committee has functioned for specific needs i.e. -

to drive for a financial goal. The committees have met in homes be-

ginning their meetings with Holy Communion followed by open discussion of needs and plans for an effective ministry.

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support? Our status is that of a Parish. We receive \$31,500.00 to enable us to carry on a special ministry in our community.

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

The Rector receives \$600.00 per annum from the parish treasury for his

his discretionary fund but approximately twice this amount or better is dispensed to families in need of food. We know that they receive food because we have a special means of distributing same.

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes

2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest xx Congregation _____ Diocese _____

3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation? \$ 600.00 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? _____

One-half by the parish. In '65 the car allowance will be \$600.00

5. How much does the local congregation pay? Our total budget is approximately \$50,000.00 per yr. Congregation provides 1/5 of this

6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business Between 400 - 500 miles

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK		
	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	xx	—	—
2. Sick or emergency	—	—	xx
3. Calls for other purposes	—	xx	—
4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:			

Curate calls regularly on sick and shut-ins in morning and afternoon.

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? _____

Visitations are made on request. Most persons ask for appointments and

come to the office and in these cases they are handled by the Rector.

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?
Very little of this is done, however in the summer program counselors
are required to visit homes of children in their group.

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) 15 to 20 hours

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. Attempts have been made to organize a corp of Lay callers, this met but with little success. We are in the process of attempting this again.

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

The organizational meeting for this is imminent.

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. _____

See #1 and 2

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

Children find a place with ease. Most come in through involvement in one of regular programs. Some adults come to this parish because they want to become "involved". These do. We have not done well in drawing others into closer involvement

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

None to my knowledge

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. What use is made of the press? The press finds activities/^{from outside}taking place here worthy of print and takes the initiative. They are notified of activities from within the parish and publish same.
- B. What use is made of radio and/or television? The Rector has appeared on T.V. & Radio - in part because of the place of this church in the community. Announcement of planned activities is made on the radio.
- C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? Monthly publications - Notification of activities present and future sent to parish and "friends of the Advocate".
- D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. "Voice" of Advocate. 12 to 16 page 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, self cover publication, concerning past, present and future activities, happenings in the church and community and information about parishioners. Regular rector's message and educational material.
- E. How many church road signs are there? None

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

- A. Is this congregation community-minded? Yes
- B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. The clergy work along with and are involved in some community affairs and are supportive in others. We feel it important to encourage, inspire and assist but realize the importance of allowing people of community to produce their own leaders.
- C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs. The community works through and from the Advocate but our congregation is only slightly involved in community affairs.
- D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):
Girl Scouts, Cubs, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Girls' Friendly, A.A., Al-Anon, Summer Day Camp, Day Care Nursery, Day Care Center, Tutoring, Study Hall, Boys' Choir, Adult Choir, Community Center
- E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:
Probationers Therapy Group, Wowningtown P.T.A., CORE, High School Sororities and Fraternities, Neighborhood Block Clubs, Human Renewal Program of City, Theatre XIV
- F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:
We have joined together for Lenten services and in the time of crisis.

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Rector: Member Department of Communications, Christian

Education, Christian Social Relations, Diocesan Strategy Comm., Deputy to
General Convention

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? None

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? From the Diocese of Pennsylvania we receive \$31,500.00 annually.

Ten years ago the National Council got the Advocate launched into its Pilot
project and later it was taken over by the Diocese.

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs: _____

Only as delegates to the Diocesan Convention

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs: _____

Small participation of Advocate Church Women in affairs of the Women of
the Diocese.

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: _____

A few have attended Diocesan summer Youth conferences.

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? Yes

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? _____

XV. STAFF

A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

Rector - Full time \$5,000 per annum - car allowance \$300.00

Curate - Full time \$4162.50 " - car allowance \$300.00

Seminarian - Part time None

Secretary - Full time \$2600.00

Organist-Choir director - part time - \$125.00 per month

Sexton - Full time \$3380.00

Janitor - Part time \$1350.00

Director Community Center \$200.00 per month

Directress Day Care - Full time \$4800.00 per year

Day Care Employees (4) Full time

1st Assistant \$3380.00

Assistant \$2860.00

Cook \$2652.00

Day Care Employee (1) Part time

1 Community Center part time (part-time workers are given \$5.00 per night)

B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

Volunteers serve as Boy and Girl Scout leaders, Girls' Friendly Society,

Church School teachers, summer camp counsellors. Occasionally some are

"employed" in assisting with special jobs which must be done in the office.

Volunteer help for painting, general repairs, dinners, etc.

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: We could be greatly relieved with an additional priest on our staff and a Social Worker and an additional worker for our office on a part-time basis.
2. Buildings: Our buildings are at present sufficient but a renovation to fit our present programs would help tremendously. We are interested in another property to be able to expand our Day Care Center and may be able to purchase this if a suitable one is found.
3. Equipment: Our present setup allows us presently to build towards needed equipment.

B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

This congregation is growing, now being made up of local people but we are strangers to each other - it is towards a closer more meaningful fellowship that we must work.

C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

The congregation on the whole is still very much "self centered." As Rector I find our daily community "parishioners" to be far more intimately involved in the life of "The Church & Community" than many of our parishioners

D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

A concentrated effort to bring the individuals of this parish into an organism, a Christian fellowship.

E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

Capital cost interestingly enough is not the particular factor to bring this about although \$15,000.00 for additional personnel would help towards this end.

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

Our present operation budget is approximately \$50,000.00. We could use at least \$15,000.00 more.

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

We have received a sum of money (\$25,000.00) for the renovation of our chapel for a general purpose building. The congregation is being prepared to raise their share of the total cost - roughly 7 to 8 thousand more.

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

The Diocese of Pennsylvania contributes \$31,500.00 towards this work already.

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH</u>
<u>Walter Morris</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Ten</u>
<u>Frederick Holliday</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Ten</u>
<u>William Bayne</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Seven</u>
<u>Jacqueline Rupel</u>	<u>Parish Secretary</u>	<u>Twelve</u>
<u>John P. Black</u>	<u>Clergyman</u>	<u>One</u>
<u>Paul M. Washington</u>	<u>Clergyman</u>	<u>Two and a half</u>

Date completed: December 31, 1964

REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

The membership map prepared by the Church of the Advocate shows, by census tract, the place of residence of 1,216 persons. Since that figure is something more than two times the size of the baptized membership reported in the Diocesan Journal and in the Church Self-Study Form, it is assumed that the map shows the places of residence of people who look to the Church of the Advocate for spiritual ministrations without being canonical members, as well as showing the distribution of members who are of the more traditional category. The map thus represents the "sphere of influence" of the Church of the Advocate. There are three areas of concentration of mapped members. The first is in the vicinity of the Junction of 18th Street and Diamond Avenue. In other words, in the neighborhood of the church itself. The second area is in West Philadelphia, centered along Market Street. The third is in the northwestern portion of the city, on both sides of Germantown Avenue. There are, of course, members scattered throughout other sections of the city as well as some people living in New Jersey. The Church of the Advocate has, very clearly, a strong drawing power.

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH PHILADELPHIA

ADVOCATE

CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
1 C	1	1
3 B	2	1
7 C	1	1
13 B	10	8
14 A	4	3
14 B	10	8
15 C	1	1
20 B	2	1
20 E	2	1
21 T	5	4
22 C	7	6
22 K	9	7
22 L	7	6
24 C	2	1
24 I	1	1
27 A	1	1
27 C	1	1
28 A	228	187
28 B	172	141
28 C	30	25
28 D	5	4
29 D	3	3
32 A	3	3
32 C	291	239
X 32 D	199	164
32 E	56	46
34 I	2	1
34 P	1	1
34 S	6	6
36 C	2	1
36 D	1	1
37 A	5	4
37 F	1	1
38 F	5	4
38 G	8	7
38 H	4	3
38 I	1	1
39 C	1	1
43 B	2	1
43 C	5	4
44 B	1	1
44 C	5	4
46 B	8	7
46 D	7	6
46 E	3	3
46 F	3	3
46 G	5	4
47 A	5	4
47 B	2	1
47 C	1	1
47 D	5	4
47 D	5	4
49 B	28	23
49 C	4	3
49 D	6	6

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

The figures gathered from the Diocesan Journals for every fifth year from 1940 through 1960 are difficult to interpret. During the years covered by the figures, there has been a varied and complete change in the make-up of the congregation, and the figures do not show clearly the point at which the change-over took place. Given the incomplete state of the figures for 1961, the only comments that can be made deal with the data for 1962 and 1963.

The last two years reported show a drop in the communicant strength and the church school enrollment, but an increase in the number of baptisms and a stable number of confirmations. The ratios of baptisms and of confirmations to the communicant strength are high, 14.9% and 6.9% respectively, figures which can be compared with the diocesan averages of 3.9% for baptisms and 4.1% for confirmations. The corresponding figures for the churches of Philadelphia as a whole, are 3.7% and 3.1%. Episcopal churches in the Lower North Philadelphia Planning Analysis Section have ratios of 5.4% for baptisms and 3.5% for confirmations.

The financial figures include expenditures, the sources of which lie predominately outside of the congregation. A more meaningful analysis of the financial affairs of the congregation might be derived from a study of the receipts of the Church of the Advocate, material for such a study may be partially found in the Church Self-Study Form.

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VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH ADVOCATE

TOWN PHILADELPHIA

COUNTY PHILADELPHIA

DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	410	225	254	507	486	—	* 370	559
Communicants	345	204	196	380	400	—	370	255
Church School	108	—	—	141	130	94	147	113
Baptisms	10	5	10	60	29	26	29	38
Percentage of Communicants	2.9	2.5	5.1	15.8	7.3	—	7.8	14.9
Confirmations	8	—	6	46	32	11	16	16
Percentage of Communicants	2.3	—	3.1	12.1	8.0	—	4.3	6.3
Parochial Expenditures 1	9,033	8,105	10,782	14,864	38,551	45,502	42,936	50,017
Special Par. Expenditures 2	543	319	1,211	1,657	6,075	5,031	7,639	5,693
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	566	777	758	1,844	2,459	939	1437	510
Total Reported Expenditures	10,142	9,201	12,751	18,365	47,085	51,472	52,012	56,220
Expenditures per Communicant	29.40	45.10	65.06	48.33	117.71	—	140.57	220.47
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	1.64	3.81	3.87	4.85	6.15	—	3.88	2.00

* C.D.R.E.S. ESTIMATE

- 1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.
- 2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.
- 3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

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DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

The Episcopal Census for the Church of the Advocate gave information on only 265 persons, 16 of whom are not members of the Episcopal Church. It is unfortunate that the proportion of returns is not large enough for an analysis to be statistically valid.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

CHURCH OF THE ADVOCATE, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County,
Pennsylvania

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There is no need for a Diocesan Survey to point out to the congregation of the Church of the Advocate how atypical are the circumstances of the church and its work at 18th and Diamond. It may be of service, however, to point out that the buildings house at least two widely varying groups. The first is the Sunday members, including many devout persons who find great strength for their lives from the traditional pattern of church-going. The other end of the spectrum is made up of individuals for whom contact with the Church of the Advocate is a fleeting occurrence, usually in connection with a pressing emergency. By far the majority of people reached by the ministries of the Church of the Advocate are not regular in church attendance, in financial support, or in knowledge of the Teachings of the Church. It is important that the members of the "traditional" parish be served as faithfully as are the people reached under less customary circumstances. It is equally important that those people associated with the traditional ministry of the Church of the Advocate take an ever increasing share of the responsibility for the non-traditional tasks of the parish.

There is little doubt that the opportunities facing the Church as a whole, as illustrated by the Church of the Advocate, are tremendous. A great deal of outside assistance is essential and just. It is strongly urged that the diocese and the National Church, as well as countless interested individuals, continue to support by money, by personnel, by prayers, and by time and talent, the efforts which are being made by the Church of the Advocate, in a very real sense, on behalf of the more "comfortable" parishes.

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It is equally important that the week in, week out members of the Church of the Advocate contribute of their substance to the very utmost, in spite of the knowledge which they have that the work of the Church of the Advocate would founder if it depended only upon what the parishioners could contribute in material possessions.

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It is to be hoped that the membership of the Church of the Advocate will increase in numbers, but it may be that the destiny of the work is not to be successful in statistical or similar terms. The Church of the Advocate must, however, be successful in ministering to itself as well as to those outside of its fellowship. The paradox of the Church is very clearly set forth at 18th and Diamond: the strengthening of the present members in order to be of greater service to those who are now outside the membership and perhaps always will be.

The General Division of Research and Field Study strongly supports the call for additional staff members, skilled in a variety of ways, in order that the responsibilities of the greater Church may be fulfilled in the opportunities for service represented in the neighborhood of the Church of the Advocate. No concrete suggestions are advanced here, flexibility being one of the requisites for work at the Church of the Advocate. It is essential that greatly increased financial and physical resources be at the disposal of the staff in order that they may be truly flexible in their work.